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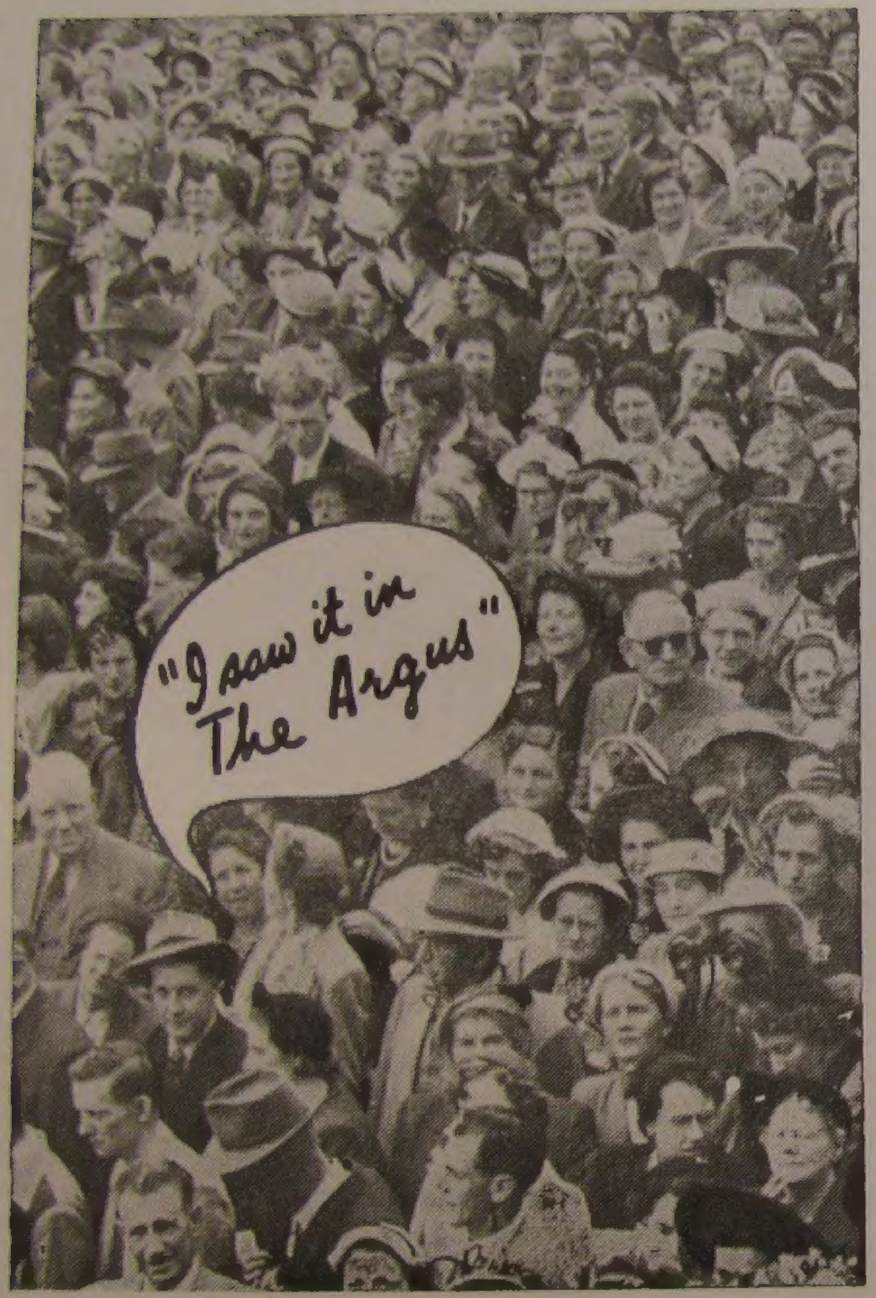

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"THE COLTS"

Last Sunday morning saw the first move in the formation of the Victorian "Colts" team which V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young, will take under his wing.

At the Albert Park ground a trial game was played between two sides of youngsters between the ages of 17 and 21.

Tomorrow morning a second game will be played and from the players in the two games Mr. Young will choose 16 to 18 players to form the nucleus of his "Colts" team. This team will enter the Fourth Division and play the fixtures abandoned by the defunct Shell Club. The Colts will play their "home" fixtures on Sunday afternoons at Albert Park. Away matches for the Colts will be the subject of negotiation with the opposing clubs.

A condition of a lad's playing in the Colts team will be that at the completion of his term with the Colts, he must return to his club for at least 12 months.

In this way it is hoped to build up a reserve of "up and coming" young players to take the place of the "stars" who are on the wane and also to ensure that so much of the fine junior talent which many clubs are producing to no purpose is not allowed to drift out of the game once they reach senior status.

Mr. Young has stated privately, as well as publicly, that he is very impressed with the showing of a very large proportion of the young players he has seen in Melbourne, and he is confident that in due time Victoria will turn out players on a "par" with those in other countries.

Manager of the Colts team will be Mr. Jim Paul (Chairman, V.A.S.F.A. State Selectors).

The idea of the Colts team is one which will continue through the years with new members coming in and older ones dropping back to their clubs. With a few years' operation of this scheme there will be no likelihood of soccer dropping back to the parlous condition it had arrived at in Victoria before the migration wave set it on its feet again.

All clubs are asked, and expected to, co-operate to the fullest extent with the V.A.S.F.A. in making the Colts scheme a huge success.

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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

The commencement of the Dockerty Cup competition left many First Division clubs with no fixture last Saturday, but three postponed games were played to bring the League tables into order. Hakoah had the misfortune to lose Tommy Jack in the first half, having dislocated his elbow. Our sympathies to Tom, who has been, and still is, a great asset to soccer, both on and off the field. We wish him a speedy return to health.

Tom Jack

With half-time scores at 2-2, Hakoah, with 10 men, put the pressure on and play was almost exclusively on the Brighton half of the ground. Hakoah finished up winners by the odd goal in five.

Moreland, at Campbell Reserve, defeated Prahran by two goals to one in a very closely contested game. This lifts Moreland out of the relegation zone at last and drops Box Hill (who were defeated 3-2 by Polonia) back into the trouble area.

Prahran are out of it only on goal average and look far from safe. At the top end of the ladder Hakoah now go to second place on goal average above J.U.S.T.

The Cup competition as usual brought a few surprises including the defeat of Third Division Moorabbin City by new club, St. Albans. We saw part of this game and the play on both sides was of excellent standard. Moe United, the only country club in the competition, were no match for Ukrainia, who defeated them 4-0 at Moe.

Sandringham City, who entertained Upper Yarra Dam, put the "mountaineers" out for this year by 2-nil.

Second round of the Cup is next week (June 12) when all the First Division clubs come in. The draw will be found in the V.A.S.F.A. Bulletin on another page.

This week saw the commencement of Schools soccer. The Technical Schools competition has now grown so big that it has had to be broken up in two zones with six schools in each — winners to play off. Two new schools at least will be entering next year, so it may have to split again.

The Metropolitan High Schools ("C" section) competition is now in its third year and going well. (This competition comprises High Schools in the outer area.)

It is hoped also this year to start a competition in the "A" section comprising Melbourne, Northcote and University (all of whom have now been playing for at least three years), with the addition of Box Hill (starting this year) and Williamstown V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young, has commenced coaching at Technical Schools and later will include High Schools

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Will Soccer Ever Have a H.Q. ?

By JOHN OLIPHANT

No doubt you have all heard and read in the daily press, that the Government has appointed a new Olympic Park trust. Unfortunately, it looks to me that the Minister for Lands, Mr. Smith, has ignored us again, as not one of the names of those mentioned in the new trust, could, or would, protect the interests of the Soccer Association.

May I ask why? I hope the answer is not because soccer will not be played at Olympic Park, when facilities are good enough for some other code! We don't want to get mixed up in politics, whether State or Federal, but if hundreds of thousands of European and English migrants, whose hobby is playing or watching soccer, are brought here, then it's the responsibility of our public leaders to see that those people have the same facilities as the rest of the community.

If we were good enough to fight for a common cause in the last war, irrespective of our various origins, then surely we should not be denied the very thing for which we were ready to lay our lives down — that is, freedom and equality.

Freedom to choose the kind of amusement we enjoy best!

It's no good telling us that we must vote on May 29 (Federal election) If not, then, a penalty of £2 will be imposed on each defaulter. This is meaningless, as a dissatisfied citizen, can't execute his duties cheerfully whether in peace-time or war-time, and I can't think of anything worse than an unhappy soldier or citizen.

A clarification of the use of Olympic Park would be welcomed by all soccer followers and an assurance that Olympic Park will remain the home of soccer should be the only fair answer, Mr. Smith. Justice must prevail!

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Our Cover

QUEER TACKLE BY McGINNIS (Prahran) in the Prahran-Polonia game at Campbell Reserve as he tries to stop PLEKAN (Polonia) from shooting at goal. Other players in the picture are BIALER (Polonia), and DAVIDSON (Prahran).

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SOCCER BALL

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URGENT NOTICE

All clubs are requested to send along players under the age of 21 years for the Victorian Colts' team Trials at Albert Park TOMORROW, Sunday, June 6, at 10 a.m.

The Voice of the Third Division

By RAY CARLSON

In Fairfield we find a comparatively young club. Nevertheless, since their entrance to the Third Division in 1948 as "Fifers", they have had rather a colourful career.

Formed under the astute guidance of Mr. J. Beveridge (President) they soon won promotion to the Second Division. In 1951 they changed their name to Fairfield, thus taking the name of the locality in which their home ground is situated.

In 1952 they won their way through the Dockerty Cup rounds to the first semi-final, in which they met Brighton at Campbell Reserve (Moreland's ground), where they went down to the "seasiders", if my memory serves me right, 4-1. From then on they felt the pinch of players getting up in years, and with no juniors to fill the gaps, their standard commenced to deteriorate.

Playing in the Third Division this year they are dangerously near the relegation zone, and would welcome with open arms players to swell and strengthen their ranks.

Quite a few of the outlying clubs have this same trouble, so come on all you players that are standing idle, help these eager officials by signing a form and keep our "code" strong through all the Divisions.

We believe Mr. Beveridge and his son will be going home for a holiday shortly. On behalf of all soccerites, sir, let me wish you a very happy and safe journey, and we hope you will be back on the job again soon.

Fielding an Under 14 team this year, it's good to see this club is looking to the future. With Mr. Dennis Chambers looking after these boys, they are in very capable hands, and if the officials of this club do not lose sight of the fact that these boys are their life blood and foster them in every way, in years to come they must benefit from this vital venture.

This club has asked me to extend a very warm welcome to Mr. Len Young and his charming family. They hope your future with us is a very happy one.

Mr. Les Grist, their keen President, has every confidence against Heidelberg, who they have drawn in the first round of the Dockerty Cup. Well, good luck, Les, and may the best team win.

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BAD DAY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Our apologies are due to the Moorabbin City, St. Albans, Maribyrnong and St. Kilda Clubs for we regret that our photographers had a bad day last Saturday and none of the photos taken of the teams was good enough for reproduction.—Editor.

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SLOVAKIA SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please note! The new Secretary is Mr. Louis Kubas, 50 Donald Street, Footscray. The President is now Mr. John Solar, 375 Barkly Street, Footscray.

CROATIA SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please note! The new Secretary is Mr. T. Durakovic, 7 Leeds Street, Footscray, telephone (Evenings only) MW 5346. The President is now Mr. F. Mamic, 14 Charlie Street, Footscray.

MOORABBIN CITY SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please note! The new address of the Secretary, Mr. G. Ellis, is 29 Hampton Street, Hampton.

Matches to be played on Saturday, June 26, 1954:—

DOCKERTY CUP — SECOND ROUND

Hellenic v. Brighton.
George Cross v. Ukrainia.
Box Hill v. South Melbourne.
Dandenong v. Frankston.
South Yarra v. Yallourn.
Maccabi v. Coburg.
Sunshine United v. Moreland.
Preston v. Footscray City.
Polonia v. Park Rangers.
Wilhelmina v. F.N.D.
Hakoah v. St. Albans.
Union Jack v. Sandringham City.
J.U.S.T. v. Slavia.
Fairfield v. Bayswater.
Prahran v. Maribyrnong.
Juventus v. I.C.I.

RESERVE CUP — SECOND ROUND.

Moorabbin City v. Sandring City.
Wilhelmina v. South Yarra.
Moreland v. Coburg.

RESERVE CUP — THIRD ROUND.

George Cross v. Footscray City.
Juventus v. Polonia.
Prahran v. Williamstown.
Hakoah v. Park Rangers.
Sunshine United v. Hellenic.

RESERVE CUP — THIRD ROUND — ON DATES TO BE ARRANGED:

Moorabbin or Sandringham City v. Box Hill.
F.N.D. v. Wilhelmina or South Yarra.
Moreland or Coburg v. Brighton.

Notice is hereby given to all clubs that the following matches are transferred from August 28, 1954, and must now be played on Saturday, June 12, 1954. Clubs are required to make necessary alterations.

THIRD DIVISION

Hellenic v. Slavia.
Sandringham City v. F.N.D.
Williamstown v. Moorabbin City.
Dandenong v. Fairfield.
Coburg v. Frankston.

FOURTH DIVISION

Wilhelmina v. University.
Heidelberg v. Slovakia.
Nunawading v. I.C.I.
Maribyrnong v. Ukrainia.

THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

Fairfield v. Coburg.
Moorabbin City v. Williamstown.
Astor v. Sandringham City.
Union Jack v. Hellenic.
Slovakia v. Dandenong.

FOURTH DIVISION RESERVES

I.C.I. v. Maribyrnong.
Werribee v. Heidelberg.
University v. Wilhelmina.
Bayswater v. St. Albans.
St. Kilda v. Nunawading.

—S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,—On the suggestion of Mr. Beaton, Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A., I would like to enquire about inserting an advertisement in the "Soccer News".

Our club has a soccer team, and these boys have not played in any competition as yet, but would like to arrange a friendly Sunday match between some other team of the same status. I don't know what charge is made for an advertisement, but if you would be so kind as to insert one and send the account on to me, I would be very grateful.

Thanking you in anticipation and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.—Yours faithfully, Pierre Mannix.

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Dear Sir,—In fairness to both the Yallourn and Maccabi teams, and in the best interest of soccer, I would like to point out that the game in which these two teams took part last week at Yallourn was a very clean and good game in spite of the final score.

The statement in last week's editorial that this was a "very rough" game is completely untrue. In spite of the fact that the game was marred by injuries, two of which were serious, these injuries were not a result of rough play.

Further, although the injuries were all in the Maccabi team, I am sure that the Yallourn team players were just as sorry to see them leave the field as their own team members.

In closing, I would like to commend the Maccabi team for their plucky display, although finally reduced to seven men just before the final whistle, they never stopped trying and like their opponents, produced good football throughout the entire game.—Yours in sport, Fred Hutchinson, Referee.

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Dear Sir,—Could I call on your kindness through the "Soccer News" once more. Rosebud Club has completed five games in the P.S.A. up-to-date and won all; also two friendly games — one against Box Hill — and won both. We have now an absolute local team, but we are short of a referee for home games. If anyone could fill this position we would be very grateful.—Yours faithfully, H. Mitchell.

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Dear Sir,—As an ex-official of the Border District Soccer Association I search the "Soccer News" every week for news from that area. Finally, however, I give up in disgust, for as usual there isn't any.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

REFEREES "AXED" AT FORTY

While in Victoria there is a dearth of suitable referees, the reverse seems to apply in England. All referees are removed from the official list at the age of forty. Former officials aver that they were only learning until they reached the age of thirty-five. Unlike their Victorian counterparts, the referee in England is in control of the entire ground, which includes the crowd. Any spectator incurring his displeasure can be summarily ejected, and this has happened on occasion.

PROGRAMMES — LACK OF.

More complaints have been raised over the lack of information at big games. This is justified. Steps were taken at Olympic Park last year to publish team lists for spectators, who after all, pay a large admittance fee by comparison with other games, but this fashion now seems to have gone out of practise. Even a blackboard at a focal point on the ground would be something, if clubs will not go to the trouble of producing team sheets. When Dandenong Rovers were in the Fourth Division they boasted a public address system — this should not be out of the reckoning of the senior clubs.

ENGLAND'S DOUBLE OVER THE SCOTS

It has now become a feature in England for the Schoolboy International against Scotland to be played at Wembley on the same day as the main game in Glasgow. While 134,000 were drenched by drizzle at Hampden Park to see Scotland go down 4-2 to England, there was a 90,000 gate at Wembley to see the England boys beat Scotland by a single goal. A colossal crowd for a schoolboy game. On one occasion the young England goalie threw the ball to the half-way line; I should like to see some of our seniors attempt that.

The next big match at Wembley will be in November, under lights, for the first time on this famous ground, when the Scottish Cup-winners and League Champions, Glasgow Celtic, play West Bromwich Albion, F.A. Cup-winners and League runners-up. A real clash of the giants.

INSURANCE

It sometimes happens that a well-known identity has to be involved in an incident before a state of affairs is highlighted. I refer to players suffering injury on the field that could gravely prejudice their earning

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HAKOAH v. PRAHRAN

Saturday, June 26 — Second Round Dockerty Cup

HAKOAH v. ST. ALBANS

capacity. Is the Association big enough to run some form of player insurance to which clubs can contribute? If not, it is suggested that all clubs be strongly advised to see that all players on their books are insured in some way or other. I am not peddling insurance, far from it, but the young player always has the fixed idea that "it will never happen to me".

(As advertised in these pages, the Steadfast Insurance Co. run a player policy well within the scope of all clubs.—Editor.)

YOU HAVE NOW HEARD EVERYTHING

I recommend to all soccer fans an article appearing in "The Herald" last Saturday, being the substance of a letter from one Percy Page, a leading Australian Rules administrator, who took good care to get a ticket for the last F.A. Cup final, a privilege denied to several millions in England who watch the game throughout the season.

He states "the requisites for a good soccer player are purely cleverness of ball-control with the head and both feet, plus a certain amount of speed . . . the only one to look like a footballer was the full-back (goalkeeper is meant here) when he stretched out for a mark or a stop . . ."

Good grief. What this chap implies is that you become a footballer as soon as you stop using your feet!

SNAP-SHOTS OF THE MAIN GAME

There may well have been a record set up in the Brighton-Hakoah clash — eight corner-kicks in succession, and seven of them from the same flag. And in succession is meant the ball being played out by a defender straight from the flag-kick. In almost every instance there was precious little else that could be done about it, as most of the kicks were inswingers dropping right into goal. Ressler must have got fed-up with continually going to take the kick — he handed over to Vesovic.

Both Caldavaric and Stoddart aimed their penalties a few feet inside the post to the keeper's left. The only difference was that Stoddart's went in at about 70 knots, whereas Caldavaric only half-hit his shot, and allowed Scott to make a fine save.

It was a calamity to see Tom Jack, who has weathered the storms of hundreds of hard tackles and risky clearances, injure himself so badly in an awkward fall. Rice took over the captaincy admirably, but it was surprising to see that the players were not sure who was to take the penalty. Deputies for that task and for donning the goalie's sweater should be finalised before the game.

Brighton lost the game by playing too squarely. Joe Wilson dribbled once across field, passed to Drennan, who passed back to Parvin to clear! Sum total — about 30 yards of ground lost.

To end on a harsh note. There is only one advice to give to the ruffians who attempted to assault Referee Van Pelt at half-time. Buy a large cylinder-block, and drop it over Princes Bridge without letting go. That applies particularly to the customer swinging the umbrella.

LATE KICK-OFFS

The Association Secretary has seen cause to draw attention to the number of late kick-offs. There is something wrong when at "The Match of the Day", the second half, admittedly after a player had been badly injured and could not have been whisked straight off the field, started at two minutes to four. It has frequently been expressed that an official start of three o'clock is plenty early enough.

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"DID YOU KNOW?"

By JOHN OLIPHANT

The Yugoslav Olympic Committee will propose Belgrade as the site for the 1964 Olympic Games. There is something for our young lads to look forward to — to play soccer in one of Europe's oldest and loveliest cities — providing that we don't get there long before 1964 on a different mission, and I don't mean on our own free will either. You blokes who got to know the Balkans in the last war will know what I mean.

Things don't look too rosy, do they?

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When I heard that Fulham, Tommy Trinder's "Comedians", gave a 20-year-old lad a chance in goal, I fully expected him to be none other than our young Brighton goalie, Tony Mitchell, who recently went to London and was to play with Fulham.

Unfortunately, I was disappointed, when the name mentioned was Brian Ronson, who hails from the same district as Sam Bartram, of Charlton and England.

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Talking of Sam Bartram, who is well known not only in England, but also in Australia, as he toured here with an F.A. team a few years ago, reminds me of the fact that he played for the same club since 1934. That means 20 years.

Last March Sam celebrated his 500th League game for Charlton, and a special cake was cut by him to mark the very special occasion.

Bartram played in almost every country in Europe and represented England in Canada, South Africa and U.S.A. He appeared in four successive Cup finals in Wembley from 1944-47.

What a great sportsman. Even at the age of 41, he is still looking forward to many more years of play in his familiar position in between the goal-posts.

I hope that all our juniors will follow in the footsteps of that grand gentleman, Sam Bartram.

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It looks to me that New South Wales is not very anxious to visit Victoria. Could it be because they are afraid to risk a defeat by Victoria so soon after winning the Australian Championship?

The official explanation is that N.S.W. could only field a team on a Sunday and Monday. The dates suitable to Victoria were June 12 (that is a Saturday) and Monday, June 14. As Saturday is the recognised day for the main sporting events, therefore I think that the Council acted wisely by sticking to the dates proposed by them to N.S.W.

With our limited income we cannot afford to take a chance on a Sunday.

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

DOCKERTY CUP SURPRISE

One of the main surprises of last week's Dockerty Cup round was the defeat of Second Division leaders, Sunshine City, by the Third Division side, Hellenic. The week previously Hellenic had been thrashed 10-0 by Slavia so that must make Slavia a team to be respected. If there is any "giant killing" of First Division clubs in the cup competition, I fancy the George Cross club might be the one to do it. This team could easily have a good run in the cup capped with promotion to the First Division.

HAKOAH'S LOSS

Bad luck for Tom Jack receiving an injury to his arm last Saturday. Luckily it did not prove as serious as it seemed. Nevertheless Tom will be on the sidelines for a few weeks and I am sure soccer followers all wish him a speedy recovery and a successful return to the Hakoah team. His place at centre-half will probably be filled by Pat Clarke, who has had plenty of experience in that position. That would leave the right-back position vacant, and as well as Harry Rice filled in there last week, I think he is of more use in the forward line. You never know, Hakoah might do the unusual and promote a junior or reserve grade player.

COMMONWEALTH VERSUS "THE REST"

The weather was fine, the crowd was large, and both sides tried to play good football, but somehow the game seemed to lack fire, hardly a cheer was raised from the crowd, although some good goals were scored. Also the upright and crossbar were hit on at least four occasions in the second half. Due to injuries sustained the previous day, both teams' line-up was altered from the original selection. In the first half the "Rest of the World" were definitely the better side, but after the interval the Commonwealth Eleven settled down better. The Colts, Roberts and Smith, adapted themselves fairly well although the latter will have to improve his corner kicking before he becomes a top winger. The Commonwealth centre-forward, Copeland, had some nice touches, but his counterpart in the "Rest" side, Alempijevic, was the more impressive. Did you see Weymess, this time playing at right full-back, go for one of his charactertistic runs with the ball, lose possession then have to watch the "Rest" left-winger have an open go to goal. Fortunately the winger's shot crashed against the crossbar.

TODAY'S GAMES

Today sees the start of the second round of matches. Juventus should repeat their earlier win against the "hillmen". Polonia will be out for revenge against Brighton, and would not surprise if they took the points in this encounter. Moreland, who last week surprised by dropping regular backs, Heath and Hardman, should prove stronger than South Yarra. A win to Moreland would alleviate their relegation worries. Though the Prahran side is showing more determination than in earlier games, J.U.S.T. should comfortably account for them. Hakoah, who now require full points in each game to pass Juventus, are drawn against Footscray. The City have lost the last three games and weakened as Hakoah will be without captain, Tom Jack, they will probably prove victors over the Footscray side.

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The name of "soccer" conjures a picture of men striving to conquer many unnatural laws by endeavouring to force a ball to do their bidding by use of any part of the body except — and this is important — with the use of man's natural ally in any ball game — **his hands and arms** — and these parts of the anatomy can be brought to his aid on only rare occasions.

Add to this nature's many natural hazards such as rain, wind, frost, uneven surface of the playing pitch, to mention but a few, and one cannot wonder that man's struggle to attain near perfection never wanes throughout his playing career, and even when his limbs refuse to perform the actions signalled by his brain by reason of "anno domini" he remains a slave to the many problems that make up this great game.

For many years it was throught by many great personalities of soccer that boys with (to use a soccer parlance) "natural ball play", were the ones to look to for future internationals. But it is now generally accepted that, particularly if a boy of 12 years of age receives the correct coaching technique in the fundamentals of the game, by the time he leaves school, even should he not have been of the "ball player" type, he stands an equal chance of climbing the ladder of fame.

The skills needed for any player to have reasonable success in a sphere of competitive games are many and varied, and the coach's problem is to show how these skills can be practiced, introduced into phases of the game, then into a game conditioned round the particular movement(s) he (the coach) is striving for, until the player shows it/them in match play without conscious effort.

However, although it is very important that the fundamental skills and moves allied to the game be pressed home by constant repetition, one very vital point must not be overlooked by the man in charge.

When coaching, it is often noticeable that one of the performers has introduced into his own particular play is a certain unorthodox way of doing a particular skill which may be alien to the ordinary and well-tested method. The coach should quickly decide whether this unorthodox play could usefully be employed under match conditions with benefit to the team, and if so, encourage the player to perfect the move for, although he will see many instances of tricks where the individual will want to "show off" to both the coach, and other team members. These can usually be quickly remedied when it is tactfully pointed out to the offenders that the other players' game suffers as a result. It is most necessary to fully explain the reasons for stressing any particular fault. For instance, if a player of a team is always trying to dribble, don't merely tell him its

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The Association funds benefited to the extent of £140 from gate takings at Toorak Park on Sunday, May 30, between British Commonwealth and the "Rest of the World".

The Mayor of Prahran's Fund also received £100 from this game.

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Any amateur players wishing to transfer to or from other States during the close season, are at liberty to do so without obtaining clearances from their previous club.

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SOCCER COACHING (continued)

"upsetting the team-work" or "he can't get anywhere with continued dribbling; somebody is sure to trick him in the air". Get him alone and quietly explain that (presuming he is an inside-forward), each time he fasten on to the ball, his colleagues at centre-forward and on the wing, and even the wing-half, position themselves quickly away from the opposition in readiness for a pass from him. For an instant the opportunity has been made for him to take advantage of, but if he holds on to the ball the defenders will quickly cover his team-mates, and the chance to make a vital move in the game has been lost, and a repetition of this fault will quickly discourage the rest of the team from placing any reliance in the player.

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Surely they must have someone up there who will spend 15 minutes a week in describing the matches in brief and sending down the League tables, especially when two new teams — Bonegilla and Wangaratta — are in the competition.

Members of the B.D.S.F.A. must realise that there are many people outside their area, including myself, who are interested in what's going on up there. What about some news, B.D.S.F.A.?—Yours faithfully,

Clem Martin.

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Dear Sir,—As a player of the world's best code I am a bit disappointed to find there are very few trophies for most of the Leagues. I consider it more heartening to win and receive something instead of kicks on the shins and abuse from spectators. I remember at one time there wasn't much money in the V.A.S.F.A., but we still got something for a win.

Where have all the trophies gone? Is the V.A.S.F.A. too mean to keep the players interested, and does it only cater for the one division?

—"Sandy" Duff.

EDITORIAL (continued)

also. To date he has visited Sandringham, Brighton, Preston, Oakleigh and Caulfield Techs., and will continue around the whole "roster" with a regular series of coaching lectures and demonstrations. Soon, also, he will commence a series of coaching classes for school coaches.

It will be seen from all this that the V.A.S.F.A. Schools soccer scheme started three seasons ago, is bearing fruit and any club wishing to start a junior team will have no difficulty in finding players, for there is no shortage now. There are junior players to be had for the asking at all Melbourne Technical Schools (with the exception of Essendon) — 16 in all — and also at nearly all High Schools. These lads are of a good age from 12 to 15 — so let no club use the excuse that they cannot find boys when asked why they have no junior team.

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SCOTLAND v. LATVIA — MIDDLE PARK — 2.30 p.m., June 6, 1954.

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RESERVE CUP

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. FOOTSCRAY CITY RESERVES

The game opened with South Melbourne pressing and after several attempts at scoring managed to net from a nicely placed ball by Winters. The Footscray team replied with three successive goals. Half-time scores: Footscray City 3; South Melbourne 1. Second half started with several of Footscray players trying to play the man and not the ball, which spoilt what would have been a good game. Footscray added two more goals and then South Melbourne really settled down and scored two goals also. Two penalties were missed by South Melbourne Reserves which, if they had been scored, would perhaps have made a more true indication of the class of play. Several South Melbourne Reserves were injured and did very well to finish the way they did. Final scores: Footscray City Reserves 5; South Melbourne Reserves 3.—"Standby".

RESERVE CUP — SECOND ROUND

WILLIAMSTOWN RESERVES v. SUNSHINE CITY RESERVES

By defeating Sunshine City two goals to nil the Williamstown Club are only the second club to achieve this result in the first half of the 1954 season. So, on to the second round, when we hope to be drawn against a First Division club. Not singling out any player, a word of praise to one of our Colts who scored the second goal.—J. Campbell.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

It is remarkable that when a Victorian representative side is chosen the names of Footscray City players never appear. Take Bill McIntosh, our left-half and captain. At 32 years of age Bill is approaching the twilight of his long career. Playing for Junior teams Rosemont, Hall Russells and Woodside he was picked no fewer than four times for the Aberdeenshire Junior League representative side. On coming to Australia and taking up residence in Footscray three years ago he offered his services to the local soccer club and was soon made captain. He has led the team through troublesome years, and at last sees success in the offing. Since he first "had a kick" for his school team 22 years ago Bill, always a gentleman, has never once been cautioned by the referee. He now now looks for no more than what he has already achieved — general respect as a clean player and a thorough sportsman. But what of Footscray's other players? Must they be continually ignored irrespective of their individual and team play? I suggest after the "Commonwealth's" woeful display last week that the selectors look around for new talent. Our comparatively new first team players are: Left-back, John Copeland; right-half, Frank Craigie; centre-half, Jimmy Darling; centre, Bill Tannahill; inside-forward, John Blackley; and wingers, Tommy Connely and Ron Lowe. Selectors! Watch these men!—Colin.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1954

at Toorak Park Oval, Orrong Road

Main Game —— JUGOSLAVIA v. MALTA —— 2.45 p.m.

Curtain-raiser —— Latvia v. Holland —— 1.30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1954

at Heyington Oval

Main Game —— POLAND v. ISRAEL —— 2.45 p.m.

Curtain-raiser —— Slovakia v. Czechoslovakia —— 1.30 p.m.

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MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1954

Main Game —— ITALY v. GREECE —— 2.45 p.m.

Curtain-raiser —— Ukrainia v. England —— 1.30 p.m.

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MOORABBIN CITY

The first team entertained St. Albans at home and a very good game was played. Moorabbin attacked and were unfortunate in not scoring in the first 10 minutes. The game see-sawed for another 10 minutes and St. Albans broke away and scored their first goal.

Moorabbin attacked, but were being beaten by a solid defence. St. Albans scored their second goal just before half-time. After resumption of the game Ray Donovan was injured with a suspected fractured collarbone, much to the dismay of the supporters, as he was a great stumbling block to the fierce St. Albans attack. Despite this loss Moorabbin attacked repeatedly, but were unfortunate to miss the goal. The game ended with St. Albans winning five goals to nil. Good luck to St. Albans for their future games in the Cup, and thanks for a good, hard game.—

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION — R.A.A.F. (SALE)

On May 22 we entertained Moe United at R.A.A.F. Oval, East Sale. The issue was in doubt right up until the final whistle with the result just about right, the score being 0-0. Best players being for Moe — Finn and Young. For R.A.A.F. — Calvert, Bowie, not forgetting Robertson's amazing save in the dying seconds. Praise must also go to Jack Benson for his control of the game, which was first-class.—J. Coulter.

WILLIAMSTOWN

The game, Williamstown v. Frankston, was a real thriller, and played under ideal conditions. After 90 minutes' play the score was one goal each. Williamstown's goal in the seventieth minute was a beauty, a header by a Frankston player who must have been embarrassed receiving the congratulations of the Williamstown players with the ball in the back of the net. The pace did not slacken when extra time was played. Frankston found the net in seven minutes, maintaining their lead till the final whistle. Congratulations, Frankston, on a fine victory. To the referee, your decisions met with the approval of the majority of players; you are there to control the game, not to be intimidated into giving a wrong decision from over ardent fans on the touchline. Your advice to our youngest player on his error in incorrect throw-ins, and an admonishment to our oldest player. The two players concerned told me of the incidents and in future games will profit from your advice.—J. Campbell.

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The League has reached the "anyone can win it" stage. Morwell, the present leaders, are three points ahead of A.P.M. and four in front of Moe United, who are a game behind. The leaders, who had five away games in six, have got over two for full points, but still have A.P.M., R.A.A.F. and Yallourn to meet. On Saturday they meet Moe United at home, the only team to defeat Morwell so far. Tony Krytenberg moved from outside-right to centre-forward, has proved a success. He netted all four goals against the Tigers and got two of the three against Sale United.

Cocu, their little inside-right, is a free-kick specialist. From four free kicks, all outside the "box", he has scored four times with terrific "daisy-cutters".

The R.A.A.F. are improving and in taking a point from Moe United and defeating the Tigers away, indicates trouble for their opposition in the remaining games.

A.P.M., with three wins in a row, are a definite danger to Morwell.

Moe United, who were soundly beaten by Ukrainia in the Dockerty Cup, will have to improve to keep up with the League leaders.

Results on weekend, May 29, would, I venture to say, constitute a record, as all League games (three) resulted in the scores being the same, and all home teams were defeated.

Yallourn (1) v. A.P.M. (3). Tigers (1) v. R.A.A.F. (3) Sale United (1) v. Morwell (3). Sale Reserves (1) v. Morwell Reserves (3). Moe United (1) v. Ukrainia (4). (Dockerty Cup). The games, Sale United v. Morwell, and Sale Reserves v. Morwell Reserves, played on Sunday May 30, registered a record gate.

Next week's games, June 5, are:—Tigers v. Yallourn; R.A.A.F. v. A.P.M.; Morwell v. Moe United; Sale United, bye.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Morwell	8	7	0	1	18	6	14
A.P.M.	8	5	1	2	19	13	11
Moe United	7	4	2	1	25	6	10
Traralgon Tigers	8	2	3	3	14	20	7
R.A.A.F.	8	2	2	4	13	18	6
Yallourn	7	2	0	5	13	22	4
Sale United	8	1	0	7	10	25	2

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BALLO ANNUALE DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE DEL CALCIO

Si avvisano i giocatori e tifosi del calcio che il ballo annuale di questa stagione avro luogo il 23 giugno, nella lussuosa sala "ROYALE" dell'Exhibition Building.

Gli organizzatori faranno di tutto affinche questo Ballo abbia un successo maggiore dei precedenti. Vi sara un'ottima orchestra Continentale e i rinfreschi verranno serviti da uno dei provveditori piu di lusso di Melbourne.

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JUNIOR SECTION

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Player Adrian Davies has been transferred from South Melbourne United to Brighton.

On Monday night, players Belendorf (Polonia) and Camilleri (Pascoe Vale) were ordered to appear before the Executive Council, having been ordered off the field in recent matches. An account of this matter will be published in next week's "Soccer News". Also officials of one of the clubs were summoned to appear before the Junior Council in relation to two charges of bad language being used by their players whilst on the field of play.

Clubs are advised that when a player is ordered off the field of play by the referee, he can not play again until his case has been dealt with by the Executive Council. (League Rule number 26.)

Clubs in the Under 17 Division are advised that Moorabbin "B" has been entered as an additional team in the competition, and this team is to play the team that originally had the bye. Moorabbin "B" fixtures are as follows:—

May 22: Moorabbin "B" v. Pascoe Vale.
May 29: Sunshine United v. Moorabbin "B".
June 5: Moorabbin "B" v. Moorabbin "A".
June 12: I.C.I. (Deer Park) v. Moorabbin "B".
June 19: Moorabbin "B" v. Prahran.
June 26: Moorabbin "B" v. Brighton.
July 3: Sunshine City v. Moorabbin "B".
July 10: Box Hill v. Moorabbin "B".
July 17: Moorabbin "B" v. St. Kilda.
July 24: Pascoe Vale v. Moorabbin "B".
July 31: Moorabbin "B" v. Sunshine United.
August 7: Moorabbin "A" v. Moorabbin "B".
August 14: Moorabbin "B" v. I.C.I. (Deer Park).
August 21: Prahran v. Moorabbin "B".

—J.A. OLSEN, Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR NOTES

This week we have had no results to hand. This was late Saturday night and no results had reached the Secretary, so the fortunes of the various teams are not known.

Box Hill had their run broken by Brighton "A" last week, but they gained revenge at the expense of Fairfield. However, Fairfield did score

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against them, something which is regarded as quite a feat". Alan Davies has transferred from South Melbourne to Brighton. This is a boy to be watched. His father, however, was very good and you can see his touches in this lad.

It has come to notice, especially among the older boys, that rough play and foul language is becoming only too frequent. It is unfortunate that some of these teams have no senior with them, and also club officials acting as referees seem to be treated with your no official referee attitude. My advice to all boys is — if you can't play the game without arguing and swearing, then you had better stop playing. You are not wanted if you can't be sportsmen. Regardless of who is doing the job with the whistle, he has the powers of a referee and should also be given the full respect of one. The senior association has enough arguing players without getting any more. Club officials would be wise to note if you are acting as a referee then you have all the powers of one. The Executive will back you up in any case of misconduct that is reported to them. So what about cleaning these unwanted incidents out now before it's too late.

So far, no news of the result of the State Trials have come to hand. In the Under 14 we shall be getting under way very shortly and clubs will be notified when they start.

To all clubs just a thought. Most of you have players who just won't make the grade. Every club has them. However, many a boy or man who can't play the game so well make excellent referees. So if you have any boys who come under this category, why not encourage them to study the laws and if enough response comes forward, then perhaps the Referees' Association can do something about it. Just an idea, but remember, as well as 22 players you must have a referee.—Dennis Chambers.

Moorabbin Under 17 "B" team travelled to Sunshine and found that Sunshine United were not expecting them. It is hoped that all the clubs with Juniors will know by now that Moorabbin "B" Under 17 have taken the fixture that was a bye.

Under 15 team travelled to Preston and lost 6-0.

Under 14 team were hosts to Box Hill "B" team and won a good, clean game.

The Under 17's have formed a social committee and will be holding a picture night soon. Any local supporter interested in social activities please contact Secretary A. Price, 18 Adrian Street, East Bentleigh.

The Moorabbin Under 17's were hosts to Sunshine City on Saturday, May 29, and although the visitors only fielded nine men. They gave a very good display and completely overwhelmed the home side.

Moorabbin now came back fighting and credit must be given to the display in this half put up by A. Price, who in the centre-half position, appeared to rally the side. J. Petrie scored for Moorabbin, and a second goal came from P. Trimbill. Result was a win for the visitors, 4-2.

—A. Price.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MAY 31, 1954.

UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	6	6	0	0	22	4	12
Inventus	8	6	0	2	33	6	12
Footscray City	8	5	0	3	15	14	10
Polonia	7	4	0	3	25	14	8
Sunshine City	8	4	0	2	11	8	8
Brighton	7	4	0	3	17	17	8
Pascoe Vale	8	4	0	4	16	21	8
Hakoah	7	2	1	4	14	17	5
Box Hill	7	2	1	4	13	26	5
Preston	7	1	0	6	8	25	2
Frankston	7	0	0	7	6	28	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Preston	8	7	0	1	40	7	14
Essendon	8	6	1	1	31	4	13
Sunshine United	6	6	0	0	38	2	12
Box Hill	7	5	1	1	21	3	9
Sunshine City	7	4	0	3	28	13	8
Pascoe Vale	7	4	0	3	8	15	8
Park Rangers	6	2	0	4	7	21	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	6	2	0	4	3	20	4
Brighton	7	1	0	6	1	56	2
Moorabbin City	7	0	0	7	2	38	0

UNDER 14 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	8	8	0	0	21	2	16
Box Hill "A"	8	7	0	1	52	6	14
Prahran	7	6	0	1	49	5	12
Moorabbin City	8	5	1	2	30	10	11
Sunshine City	8	4	2	2	10	14	10
Park Rangers	7	4	1	2	15	28	9
Hakoah	8	2	1	5	13	25	5
Brighton "B"	7	1	3	3	4	15	5
Sth. Melb. United	8	2	0	6	19	25	4
Fairfield	8	2	0	6	7	65	4
Box Hill "B"	7	0	0	7	3	28	0
Coburg United	6	0	0	6	0	0	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	7	7	0	0	24	5	14
Sunshine City	6	6	0	0	25	4	12
Prahran	6	3	2	1	28	9	8
Pascoe Vale	6	3	0	3	11	15	6
St. Kilda	6	2	1	3	10	13	5
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	6	2	0	4	9	21	4
Moorabbin City	8	1	2	5	12	29	4
Sunshine United	6	1	1	4	6	15	3
Box Hill	6	0	2	4	5	14	2

SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

By JOHN OLIPHANT

There will be 15 nationalities competing this year in the "Laidlaw World Cup" series, which begins on June 12.

The interest is already great despite little or no publicity. Last year's Cup winner was Poland, but they must improve greatly, especially in the forward line, if they wish to retain the cup this year. So far this season in the League competition, Polonia scored only 15 goals against 11, which bears out this point.

Some Egyptian citizens, living in Melbourne, who are soccer players, enquired about competing in the "World Cup" competition, but unfortunately through lack of enclosed grounds, we cannot increase the number of competitors. Nevertheless, it is encouraging to know of more people wanting to play soccer.

The 15 national clubs competing in the "World Cup" series, are as follows:—

Australia, Czechoslovakia, England, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Scotland, Ukrainia and Yugoslavia.

As you will notice Latvia is a newcomer and was admitted as a member of the International Soccer Committee. We don't know much of them, but we are told that Latvia has a big following, so bringing added interest in the game.

The members of the executive of the International Committee are:—Dr. C. Walker (Chairman), Des. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), Kurt Defris (Treasurer), F. Lang and J. Oliphant (Secretaries).

Through pressure of time the draw for the first round of the Laidlaw Cup took place last Sunday at Toorak Park Oval, where the Mayor of Prahran (Cr. C. S. Gawith) drew out from a hat the names of the teams playing against each other in the first round.

Here is the result:—

Italy v. Greece.
Scotland v. Australia.
Yugoslavia v. Malta.
Poland v. Israel.
Slovakia v. Czechoslovakia.
Ukrainia v. England.
Latvia v. Holland.
Ireland has a bye.

Yugoslavia v. Malta will be played on June 12 at Toorak Park Oval, and the Curtain-raiser on the same day will be Ukrainia v. England.

LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MAY 31, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	9	6	3	0	30	12	15
Hakoah	8	6	1	1	36	16	13
J.U.S.T.	8	6	1	1	30	17	13
Brighton	8	5	1	2	25	14	11
Polonia	8	3	2	3	15	11	8
Footscray City	8	4	0	4	22	31	8
Moreland	8	2	1	5	23	27	5
Prahran	9	2	0	7	14	28	4
Box Hill	9	2	0	7	21	38	4
South Yarra	9	1	1	7	13	36	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	9	7	1	1	26	10	15
George Cross	9	7	1	1	24	12	15
Valiourn	9	5	3	1	24	8	13
Park Rangers	9	5	1	3	25	20	11
South Melbourne	9	4	2	3	20	17	10
Preston	9	3	1	5	11	18	7
Geelong	9	2	3	4	17	21	7
Maccabi	9	3	1	5	23	31	7
Sunshine United	9	1	1	7	1	18	3
White Eagles	9	1	0	8	12	33	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	9	8	1	0	42	6	17
Hellenic	9	8	0	1	35	20	16
F.N.D.	9	6	1	2	25	14	13
Sandringham City	9	5	1	3	23	16	11
Moorabbin City	9	4	1	4	24	28	9
Williamstown	9	3	0	6	20	19	6
Dandenong	8	3	0	5	17	19	6
Frankston	9	1	2	6	14	30	4
Fairfield	8	1	2	5	7	22	4
Coburg	9	0	2	7	9	42	2

Williamstown v. F.N.D., 15/5/54 match, to be played at a later date.

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	9	6	3	0	29	6	15
Ukrainia	9	7	1	1	33	9	15
Wilhelmina	9	7	1	1	32	9	15
Upper Yarra Dam	9	3	4	2	21	17	10
I.C.I.	8	3	2	3	18	18	8
University	9	3	1	5	19	33	7
Heidelberg	9	3	1	5	18	37	7
Slovakia	9	3	0	6	12	32	6
Nunawading	8	1	1	6	5	25	5

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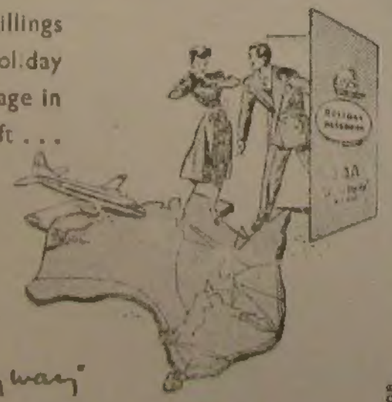

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